

RECEIVED

AUG 19 2004

GROUP 3600

COPY

Please acknowledge receipt of the following documents by applying the Patent and Trademark Office receipt hereto and mailing this card:

Inventor(s): Kutaragi et al.
Title: SALES MANAGING METHOD,
SALES MANAGING SYSTEM AND
ARTICLE SELLING SYSTEM

Application Serial No. 09/779,127

Filed: February 7, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2672

Attorney Docket No.
72767 [SC161501]

(7531)

REW/ps

Mailed: July 8, 2003



Transmittal (1 pg.); Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement
(2 pgs.); Form PTO-1449 (1 pg.); copies of one three (3) references;
and Return Receipt Postcard.

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box →



PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Approval for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<h1>TRANSMITTAL FORM</h1> <p>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</p>	Application Number	09/779,127	
	Filing Date	February 7, 2001	
	First Named Inventor	KUTARAGI et al.	
	Group Art Unit	2672	
	Examiner Name	Wang, Jin Cheng	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	3	Attorney Docket Number	72767 [SC161501]

RECEIVED

AUG 19 2004

GROUP 3600

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (in duplicate) <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): - Form PTO-1449 - Copies of three (3) references - Return Receipt Postcard
Remarks: _____ - Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Richard E. Wawrzyniak, Reg. No. 36,048 FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY
Signature	
Date	7/8/03

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this date:			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">July 8, 2003</div>			
Typed or printed name	Pamela M. Stone		
Signature		Date	July 8, 2003

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Kutaragi et al.
Application No.: 09/779,127
Filed: February 7, 2001
For: SALES MANAGING METHOD,
SALES MANAGING SYSTEM AND
ARTICLE SELLING SYSTEM
Group Art Unit: 2672
Examiner: Wang, Jin Cheng

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this date.

July 8, 2003
Date

Pamela M. Stone
Pamela M. Stone

**SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

- X Under 37 CFR §1.97(b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.
- X Under 37 CFR §1.97(c) together with either:
 X a statement under 37 CFR §1.97(e), or
 _____ a fee under 37 CFR §1.17(p)
 (after the 37 CFR §1.97(b) time period, but before the mailing date of a final Action, a Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution).
- X Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1): The undersigned states that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

Information Disclosure Statement
U.S. App. No. 09/779,127

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 CFR § 1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all patents, publications, applications and other information known by Applicants or Applicants' representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicants' representative hereby provides this Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98 and includes Form PTO-1449 with three (3) references listed as items AA-AC.

Copies of the items listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

Concise Explanation of Relevance

Items AA-AC listed on the Form PTO-1449 are not in the English language.

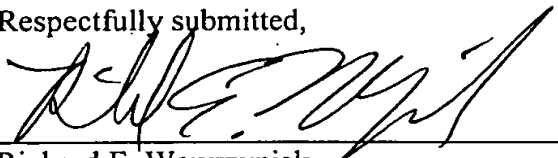
A concise explanation of the relevance of items AA-AB is in the form of a copy of a Japanese "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" mailed May 13, 2003, issued over the corresponding Japanese Patent Application, that was mailed from a foreign patent office and issued in a counterpart foreign application, which refers to the references. The Japanese "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" mailed May 13, 2003 is listed as item AC and a copy is included herewith. An English-language translation of portions of the Japanese "Notification of Reasons for Refusal" mailed May 13, 2003 is also included herewith.

In addition, items AA and AB each include an English-language Abstract.

It is requested that the information provided herein be made of record in this application.

Dated: 7/8/03

Respectfully submitted,


Richard E. Wawrzyniak
Reg. No. 36,048

Address all Correspondence to:

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY
Richard E. Wawrzyniak
120 So. LaSalle Street
Suite 1600
Chicago, IL 60603
Telephone: (858) 552-1311
Facsimile: (858) 552-0095

Form PTO-1449 (Modified) SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION	Application No.	09/779,127
	Filing Date	February 7, 2001
	First Named Inventor	KUTARAGI, Ken
	Group Art Unit	2672
	Examiner Name	Wang, Jin Cheng
Sheet 1 of 1	Attorney Docket No.	72767 [SC161501]

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS									
EXAMINER INITIALS*	CITE NO.	COPY NOT ENCLOSED PER 37 CFR § 1.98(d)	U.S. PATENT DOCUMENT		NAME OF INVENTOR OR APPLICANT	DATE OF ISSUANCE OR PUBLICATION (MM-DD- YYYY)	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE (if appropriate)
			PATENT, PUB., OR APP. NO.	KIND CODE (if known)					

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS										
EXAMINER INITIALS*	CITE NO.	COPY NOT ENCLOSED PER 37 CFR § 1.98(d)	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT			DATE OF PUBLICATION (MM-DD-YYYY)	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANSLATION	
			COUNTRY OR OFFICE (two-letter code)	DOCUMENT NO.	KIND CODE (if known)				YES	NO
	AA		JP	11-154280		06/08/1999			X (Abstract only)	
	AB		JP	7-230502		08/29/1995			X (Abstract only)	

OTHER DOCUMENTS -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
EXAMINER INITIALS*	CITE NO.	COPY NOT ENCLOSED PER 37 CFR § 1.98(d)	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.
	AC		JAPANESE PATENT OFFICE; "Notification of Reasons for Refusal"; Dispatch No. 150401; Dispatch Date: May 13, 2003; 10 pages (including five-page English translation of portions).

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
*EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP §609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.			